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Correspondence,
1932-1973

Box 5, Folder 8

August 29, 1942 -
December 31, 1942

U.S.S. Bateleur AMc 37
August 29 1942
Boston, Mass.

My Dear Captain,

I am taking this privilege of writing to you, to let you know that I was not fortunate enough to be selected for a temporary rank of Lieutenant for which you so kindly recommended me for last March.

The complete list of men selected for temporary commissions, including Warrant Electrician has been released, and I am terribly disappointed that I failed, as my name does not appear on any list. There are so many, appointed to Electrician, and Chief Electrician, that I had on board various ships as strikers and third class not so many years ago. With my record and the letter of recommendation from you, it did not measure up to the necessary qualifications, although I would have been very happy and pleased with an appointment of Warrant Electrician.

There is some doubt in my mind to the effect that possibly my letter of recommendation was not forwarded to the Bureau on time, because I wrote to a friend of my family, who is in Congress to see if my recommendation had arrived. His investigation and reply was that no record of a letter had been received at the Bureau of Personal concerning me.

After seeing you at the War College, I took all the correspondence to Captain Taylor's Chief Clerk, a Mister Olsen, and he insisted nothing could be done to have the letter forwarded at that time, although Captain Taylor would eventually get around to forwarding them, and nothing could be done to expedite matters.

All letters of recommendation had to be in the Bureau by April 1, 1942 and the date I delivered my letter to the Chief Clerk was March 20, 1942. I knew there was not much time to loose in order to get it to the Bureau on time, so possibly my letter was late and not considered at the Bureau, which I had no control over.

So many of my friends and shipmates have been promoted to Warrant, Chief Warrant and Lieutenant, that I feel as though I am the forgotten man as it were, and if I was not selected due to some fault on my own part, I would like to know what it could be so I may remedy that trouble.

The Officers on board this ship and my shipmates are very disappointed that I did not receive some sort of appointment, they feel that I rightfully deserve something.

I am still on the Mine Sweeper at present we are undergoing an overhaul in the Boston Yard, we will be in service again in a few days.

I feel that you would be interested in this matter Captain, and I hope that I am not troubling you too much as I know that your time is valuable. Could you look into this for me and advise me if anything can be done to get appointed as a warrant Electrician?

Thanking you kindly Sir, for your kind attention and interest in me, Sincerely,

Henry W. Lempe C.C.M.

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In reply refer to No.

Headquarters of the
Commandant Third Naval District
Federal Office Building, 90 Church Street
New York, N. Y. JHA:lsc

September 4, 1942

Capt. Richard Waller Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain Bates:

Thank you so much for all you did for
Freddy and me while at Newport. Should you find
yourself in New York at any time I hope you will
telephone us Re-7-0424 and we can "re-une."

I delivered your message (somewhat toned
down) to Dave Collins. The Commander was very glad
to hear from you.

Your adaptation of the last three stanzas
of Hymn 415 is very lovely. With your permission I
should like to show it to our Rector and have it
sung. It certainly is most timely.

With best wishes from us both, believe
me

Respectfully,


JOHN H. AUERBACH
Lieutenant Commander, USNR

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Refer to No. **Pers-365-EAL**
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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 5, 1942.

My dear Captain:


I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of September 3, 1942, re, Mr. Stephenson Jennings, applicant for appointment in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

Mr. Jennings was originally disapproved because we could not find a billet wherein his abilities could be used.

However, he has been reconsidered. In view of his extensive small boat experience, he has been commissioned a Lieutenant, D-V(S) and it is expected that he will be used in connection with the small boat program.

With best regards,

Respectfully,


A. F. Lawton,
Commander, U.S.N.

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

September 17, 1942

Dear Dick:

You must feel as though you are living in a vacuum after the departure of the lay class. You were more than generous with your time and I hope that one of these days we can reverse the situation and some of us may serve as your host.

One of the most delightful experiences I personally had in Newport was the privilege of getting to know Admiral Kalbfus. He is the kind of officer under whom I personally would like to serve. I consider it a real privilege to have had the hours with him which he was gracious enough to give us, and I know that I for one will always feel that he, probably more than any one, has oriented my thinking about the United States Navy.

You were all very generous, but you do have the satisfaction of knowing that the success of this enterprise exceeded the expectations of any of us.

With kindest personal regards,

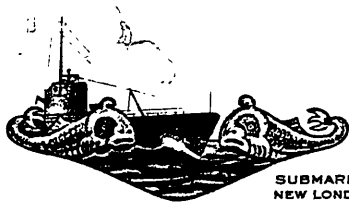
Cordially yours,



Frank E. Mason
Special Assistant to the Secretary

Captain Richard W. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport,
Rhode Island

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SUBMARINE BASE
NEW LONDON, CONN

Sept 20, 1942

Hello Captain Bates

I know you are very surprised to hear from me and probably don't remember me. I left the Clark (361) early in '39 for the Asiatic Station. You gave me a sort of pep talk just before I left, telling me what I would probably run up against out there.

I came out of that country in a lot better shape ~~than~~ I was in when I left the States with a lot of experience thrown in. I saw Mr. Rider and Phipps out there and quite a few old Clark sailors.

I have only been back a short while and ran into Baldwin the other day. He told me you were up at Newport.

sincerely yours
Collins

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U. S. NAVAL AIR STATION
NAVAL OPERATING BASE
GUANTANAMO BAY, CUBA

27 September 1942

My dear Dick:

It seems like a very long time since I saw you last at Quonset and I am feeling like a seasoned Navy man at this point, although it has only been a little over three months since I left the indoctrinating work-out.

I had a few days of Vermont with my uncle, Charlie, before entraining for Norfolk and from there by destroyer to Guantanamo. I came down on a brand new can in a convoy, the skipper being Whitey Taylor who said he knew you.

Guantanamo has surpassed anything that I expected. The duty is very interesting (I am Assistant Operations Officer), the quarters are excellent and the officers are a swell bunch. I had the good fortune to come down here with one of my closest friends at Quonset and we have a house together which makes it very nice for me. The families have all been evacuated some time ago, of course, so that there is very little social life but we are working every minute so that it doesn't matter a bit.

I am still very interested in camouflage and read everything I can get my hands on regarding the subject (which isn't very much), and spend as much time as I can in the air observing the camouflage attempts on the buildings here and on the many ships coming and going. There seems to be a terrific amount of experimentation and I often wonder if they have really gotten down to the roots of it yet. If you can find out where I can get some official literature on the subject or any other way that I can find out more about it I would appreciate it tremendously if you could put me in touch with it.

I am going to do as much studying as possible in this direction for I hope someday to be in a position to do something along this line in the Navy. I am completely satisfied with my present set-up and can't ask for more but every so often I get the feeling that I should do everything possible to get where I think I can do the most good.

Thanking you again for the many nice things you have done for me, and hoping to hear from you some time if you ever should have a moment to write,

Sincerely,

Palmer

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letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No. Pers-7-RDW/ELM

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL
WASHINGTON, D. C.

September 28, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

Dear Rafe:

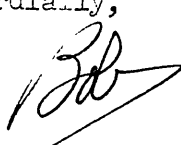
I have received and enjoyed reading your letter and enclosure concerning the hymn, "Eternal Father Strong to Save". You have done an excellent piece of work, and I wish to congratulate you on the fine contribution you have made to the service, particularly at this time.

You state that you are going to have your verses copyrighted, which prompts me to ask at once if I am at liberty to send copies of the hymn, as printed in "The Trinity Tower", to our Chaplains and to the Army Chaplains. Sometimes a copyright is in the hands of a publisher and even the author cannot grant such permission. Please give me explicit advice on this point before I take any action. I cannot help but feel that others will agree with me that what you offer is a distinct and an outstanding improvement.

We keep very busy, which is natural. Compared with many of our comrades at sea and on foreign shore stations, we have it fairly easy, however, and only wish our contribution might be something which would bring us in closer touch with those who are paying a real price.

Sincere best wishes.

Cordially,


Robert D. Workman,
Chief of Chaplains, USN.

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THE MILLS BUILDING

WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 19, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain Bates:

I was delighted to have Admiral Kalbfus suggest that you could come to Harrisburg to substitute for him on Navy Day, October 27.

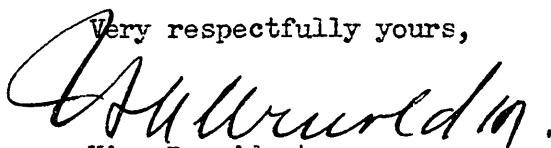
We are planning what we think will prove to be a very interesting day, and we are hopeful that it will be helpful to the Navy Recruiting and Procurement Officers in our district.

We are planning a luncheon for 12:15 to honor the new recruits, and naturally we would appreciate your speaking briefly at the luncheon. At 2:45 in the afternoon we are holding a Public Induction Ceremony, and we have scheduled you for a ten minute talk to the recruits at this Ceremony. At 5:00 we are having a Reception for the Naval Officers of the Mechanicsburg Depot, under the Command of Captain Ellsworth VanPatten, and at 7:00 in the evening the Final Rally of the Community War Chest Workers' Organization will be held, and we want you, if possible, to address this group. There will be probably four to five hundred people in attendance.

You can see from the above that we do have a full day planned, but I am sure that you are used to such functions, and if you can possibly do so we will indeed be grateful for your participation. I have heard many nice things about you, and I will certainly be happy to have you as our guest.

Kindest regards.

Very respectfully yours,



Vice President

Navy League of the United States

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P. S. If possible, will you send me two photographs for publicity purposes.

William A. Arnold, II
8th Floor, State Street Building
Harrisburg, Penna.

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Newport R. I.
U. S. S. Bateleur
Oct 20 1942

My Dear Captain,
Sir,

Your most welcomed letter was received today, presently words fail me to express my sincere thanks to you for all that you have done for me in regards to my recommendation for a temporary appointment as an Electrician or other commission.

I truthfully had given up hopes in trying to convince myself that perhaps sometime in the future, action would be considered on my recommendation, but your letter has enlightened my thoughts in this respect again.

If, or when, an appointment does come through for me, I will gladly inform you Sir, of my good fortune, and I will do my utmost to uphold and carry out my new responsibilities.

It most certainly was so nice, and very thoughtfull of you Sir, to have had me in mind while on your recent trip to Washington, and I want to thank you kindly for all this. I know other matters are more pressing at this time, and I did not mind waiting for your reply.

With my kindest regards Captain,

Sincerely Henry W. Wemple

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Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain Bates:

My apologies for the fact that you did not receive my letter as promptly as you should have. Unfortunately I put the letter on my Ediphone disc, and it did not go out until the following day, through an oversight.

I had quite a nice visit with Captain VanPatten yesterday at the Mechanicsburg Naval Supply Depot, and we have completed our arrangements for Navy Day in Harrisburg. Both Captain VanPatten and Commander Gross asked me if I knew what time you would arrive, and I told them that I would write to you today.

At your convenience, will you write me and let me know what train you are coming on, and whether or not you plan to take a train out of Harrisburg on Tuesday evening after our Community War Chest Workers' Meeting, which will no doubt run until about 9:00. I will arrange to meet you at the train, and I will have a room for you at the Penn Harris Hotel. If there is anything else that I can do to make you comfortable while you are in Harrisburg, I would appreciate your suggestions. For instance, if you have some personal friends that you would like to visit with for a few minutes during the day, I'll be glad to telephone them and make a definite appointment.

We are certainly grateful that you are going to be with us, and I am very anxious to meet you.

Kindest regards.

Respectfully yours,

Edmund M.

Vice President

Navy League of the United States

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"IF YOU CAN'T JOIN THE NAVY, JOIN THE NAVY LEAGUE"

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OFFICE OF
NAVAL OFFICER PROCUREMENT, BOSTON
NORTH STATION OFFICE BUILDING
150 CAUSEWAY STREET, BOSTON, MASS.

October 27, 1942


Dear Bates:

In regard to Mr. John C. O'Donnell, Indian Avenue, Portsmouth, Rhode Island, whom you mentioned during our brief visit last Wednesday, I am glad to say that his papers were forwarded to the Bureau on October 24, 1942, but unfortunately he was not recommended and not physically qualified. This may not be the O'Donnell you have in mind as there are three or four O'Donnells, all first name John, in our files, but since he lives in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, I thought he might be the one in whom you were interested.

It certainly was most pleasant to have a short chat with you and to have a look over the War College installation once again. If you happen up this way any time, please give us a ring and perhaps we can get together again for a longer visit.

Best greetings, as usual, and to "Toucas" Bright when you see him.

Sincerely yours,


C. H. J. Keppler

Captain R. F. Bates, USN
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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WILLIAM A. ARNOLD, 2ND
STATE STREET BUILDING
HARRISBURG

GENERAL AGENT
THE PENN MUTUAL LIFE INSURANCE COMPANY

October 28, 1942

My dear Captain Bates:

I can't resist the opportunity to write you today, to tell you how much we appreciated your coming to Harrisburg and being with us yesterday. You did a grand job, and everyone is talking about it today, and you will be interested to know that I have had numerous telephone calls congratulating us on the grand celebration. Everyone whom you met has a tremendous regard for you, and certainly you can feel highly complimented because of the splendid comments about your various talks.

We are indeed grateful to you, and cannot express our real appreciation. However, we can ask you to come back to Harrisburg, and we will.

Captain Bates, I would appreciate very much your sending me a notation of your incidental expenses, including transportation charges, so that we can see to it that you receive a check.

I am corresponding with Commander Courtney, because I want him to know just exactly how fine our celebration was.

My kindest personal regards to you, and my sincere best wishes.

Cordially,

William A. Arnold, II
William A. Arnold, II

WAA/mje

P. S. I'm enclosing the personal history sheet, as I told you I would, and I have ordered copies of the newspaper to be sent to you. Please send me the copy of the hymn that you spoke of.

Eds

Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

2 November 1942

Dear Rafe:

Regarding the application of Mr. George Steele, his application for enrollment as an A-V(S) officer came through the Bureau of Aeronautics in August and after consideration of his background, which is principally of an architectural nature, we referred his case to our Shore Establishment set-up but were informed that they had no further billets for applicants with this background.

You can easily understand, of course, that we have use for only a limited number of architects in the aeronautic set-up. For this reason, we forwarded his papers to BuPers stating that we had no billet for him. His case was later considered for appointment in D-V(S) and I understand will probably receive favorable action. His application is being held by BuPers awaiting arrival of the investigation report which apparently is in process of being forwarded by the Director Naval Officer Procurement, New York.

I regret to say that we still have no billet open for one of Mr. Steele's background and suggest that he take advantage of the D-V(S) commission provided it comes through.

With best regards.

Sincerely,


V. H. RAGSDALE
Captain, U.S.N.

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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221 WEST 57TH STREET
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November 2, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain Bates:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtful note of the 30th and I only wish that I could have had more time to enjoy your good company and inspiring presence.

I meant just what I said when I remarked that you came as a stranger but that you were leaving as a friend. Everyone present was tremendously lifted by your good spirits and strong personality.

I am enclosing a little advertising blurb of a year or so ago compiled when I was elected President of the American Hotel Association. It might be interesting to glance through and then toss in the waste basket.

Enc.
FM:HM

Cordially yours

Franklin D. Moore

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November 2, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

My dear Captain Bates:

I can't tell you how much I appreciate your thoughtful note of the 30th and I only wish that I could have had more time to enjoy your good company and inspiring presence.

I meant just what I said when I remarked that you came as a stranger but that you were leaving as a friend. Everyone present was tremendously lifted by your good spirits and strong personality.

I am enclosing a little advertising blurb of a year or so ago compiled when I was elected President of the American Hotel Association. It might be interesting to glance through and then toss in the waste basket.

Enc.
FM:HM

Cordially yours

Franklin Moore

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In reply address not the signer of
this letter, but Naval Supply Depot,
Mechanicsburg, Pa.

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NAVAL SUPPLY DEPOT
MECHANICSBURG, PA.

November 2, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S. Navy
Naval War College
Newport, R. I.

My dear Bates:

You beat me to the draw. I had hoped to find a moment to tell you how I enjoyed your visit to Harrisburg over Navy Day. The festivities threw me back several days in the office, and since my return, we have been bogged down with a great onrush of work.

The people here are most hospitable, as you discovered, and anxious to do their part in this emergency. I am hopeful that Admiral Kalbfus will find an opportune moment to come here where he is held in high esteem. In the absence of parades, ceremonies such as were held on Navy Day will keep the enthusiasm of the people up to the standard the war effort requires. The complacency in most inland towns should be of concern to all who see the significance of the outcome of this emergency.

It was nice to have had your note, and I hope that our paths may cross again in the not too distant future. If you are headed for sea in the near future, please accept my best wishes for a fine command and lots of good luck.

Sincerely yours,


E. H. VAN PATTEN

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HARRISBURG, PA., Nov. 3, 19 42

Captain R. W. Bates, U. S. N.,
Naval War College,
Newport, Rhode Island.

My dear Captain Bates:

You were very courteous to write me such a cordial letter about your visit to Harrisburg.

I assure you it was a great pleasure for me and Mrs. McCreath, to have you under our roof, and we were only sorry that your more important engagements, made it impossible for you to spend the night with us.

I have heard many nice things said about your address here and I am sure it was most effective in pointing out to the young men of the community, the wonderful opportunity which presents itself, through enlistment in the Navy.

With kindest personal regards and hoping that our paths may again cross, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lesley McCreath

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FOURTH NAVAL DISTRICT
NAVAL AVIATION CADET SELECTION BOARD
WIDENER BUILDING, SOUTH PENN SQUARE
PHILADELPHIA, PENNA.

November 6, 1942

My dear Captain Bates:

This will acknowledge your letter of October 26, 1942 relative to your friend Peter Irvin Clough. I will be very glad to talk with Mr. Clough when he appears at this office.

Only today this board has transferred its A-V(S) procurement division to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, but I will see that Mr. Clough is properly taken care of. It has been somewhat difficult to process applicants without college training as you know and especially so in the cases where the applicant has had no aeronautical background.

You did not state relative to the marital status in this case. If Mr. Clough is not married it is quite possible that at his age he could qualify for aviation training as a cadet.

Very sincerely yours,

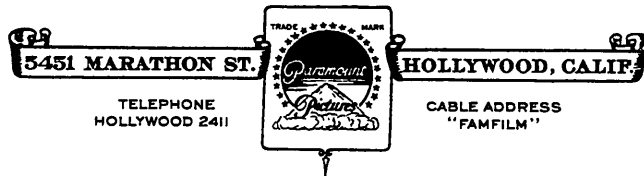


T.T. LUDLUM,
Lieutenant Commander, USNR.,
Senior Member.

Captain R.W. Bates, USN,
Naval War College,
Newport, R.I.

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PARAMOUNT PICTURES INC.
WEST COAST STUDIOS



November 25, 1942

Commander John J. Bergen
U.S.N.R.
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Capt Bates

Dear Jack:

It was, as always, a great pleasure to hear from you. I am sure you are enjoying tremendously your experience at the War College. We are all looking for nothing less than a Rear Admiral upon your completion of instruction.

The poem written by Captain Bates I thought was extremely well done and have followed your suggestion. I am sending it to our Music Department and if there is a tunesmith who finds it interesting, I am sure you will hear further from their department.

I am starting a picture on Friday on which I have practically a three months schedule so I'll probably have my head buried in the sand for that period but would love to hear from you as to your progress. We often speak of you with sincere regret that our activities keep us from seeing each other more constantly, however, be sure we do think of you.

Mrs. Sandrich sends her very best regards to you and is joined by all of us out here.

Warmest personal regards.

Sincerely,

Mark Sandrich
Producer-Director

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

26 November 1942

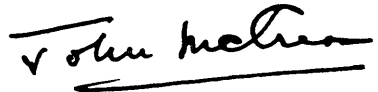
Dear Rafe,

Your letter of 24 November reached me this morning about an hour and a half before the Thanksgiving Service at the White House.

In view of the fact that the programs were already printed, it was quite impossible to comply with your suggestion.

I think your hymn is fine; so does everyone else who has read it.

Very sincerely yours,



JOHN L. McCREA
Captain, U.S. Navy
Naval Aide to the President

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.
The Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

*"Hoke" Smith arrived here
a couple of days ago. Same old
boy!*

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
GENERAL BOARD
WASHINGTON

December 1, 1942

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.
U.S. Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Bates:

I am deeply touched by the kind expressions contained in your letter. You certainly did not overstep in telling me your views, for my own father had very much the same idea as the fellow who wrote about Homer, i.e., that a bunch of flowers in the hand while alive is much more gratifying than a lot more heaped on the coffin. And, as one grows older, it is a cold hard fact that real friends become fewer and fewer and kind words scarcer and scarcer. If I have done anything to advance the interests of the Navy because of work done at the College, it is bound to be a source of satisfaction to me to know that someone else thinks so.

I am aghast at this terrible tragedy in Boston, not only because of the terrific loss of life but because so many people, while the country is at war and while our own soldiers and sailors are fighting for us in all corners of the world, can lightheartedly spend their time at nightclubs. Certainly, this is business as usual and it makes my own efforts to soft pedal extensive frivolity in Newport look ridiculous, for I was apparently out of step with the rest of the country. And, I am sorry to say, I don't see any particular slackening of entertaining here in Washington. Of course, it can all be explained by the word "morale", and perhaps to try to change this idea is like trying to sweep back the waves of the ocean.

We had thought to come up this week to look after "Restmere". But when I saw how uncertain the fuel oil allowance is apt to be, I decided not to try to rent the house because it wouldn't be fair to a tenant to get him

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in on one premise and then freeze him out later. Also, I don't care to have the radiators freeze up while the tenant is freezing. So we will have to postpone our visit for the time being although we certainly hope to get up there before you go to sea.

The kind remarks of Admiral Pye concerning your presentation and the applause of the student body are both merited. You have done and are doing a fine job and it is my own secret satisfaction that I knew that you would, hence my selecting you for your present billet. I feel that you will land a fine sea job when the time comes and, of course, if there is anything I can do here to advance your interests, I shall most certainly be at your disposal. This, in spite of the fact that I am taking great pains not to mix in anyone's else business.

Mrs. Kalbfus joins me in best to you and I hope that you will let me hear from you from time to time. And be sure and let us know if and when you come to Washington.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "E. C. Kalbfus", with a long, sweeping horizontal flourish extending to the right.

In reply address not the signer of this
letter, but Bureau of Naval Personnel,
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
Refer to No.

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NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF NAVAL PERSONNEL

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 2, 1942.

Captain R. W. Bates, USN,
Naval War College,
Newport, R. I.

Dear Rafe:

Your letter of November 24th reached me too late to place in the hands of the President and the clergyman, Dr. Wilkinson, who officiated at the Thanksgiving Service at the White House. I am seeing to it that the President's Aide, my friend Captain McCrea, has a copy of your hymn and will ask the Captain if he cannot bring it to the attention of the President.

I might add that on the fifteenth of November, I had the address on a nation wide hookup over Mutual and closed my talk with your hymn, telling the Public that a Naval Officer, a dear personal friend of many years, was responsible for this new and inspiring version of the hymn to which we of the Navy are accustomed at the closing of Sunday morning services.

I am very sorry, of course, that I was not able to comply with your express wish in regard to the White House.

With cordial best wishes, as always

Your shipmate,

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Robert D. Workman,
Chief of Chaplains, USN.

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this letter, last Bureau of Navigation
Navy Department, Washington, D. C.
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NAVY DEPARTMENT

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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In reply address not the signer of
this letter but Bureau of Aeronautics,
Navy Department, Washington, D.C.

Refer to No.

NAVY DEPARTMENT
BUREAU OF AERONAUTICS
WASHINGTON

18 December 1942

Dear Rafe:

Thanks for the fine words regarding our A-V(S) contingent
in the last class. The batch coming in January should be equally
good.

George Ryan will be amongst them. Admiral Kalbfus called me
today regarding Grosvenor for the January class. I told him
Grosvenor was at Pensacola taking a special course of about two
months' duration and that we preferred that he finish this course
and go to the July class at the War College. Admiral Kalbfus
concurred and we have put him down for the July class.

Bill Rees is still here in the Bureau though itching to get
to sea as are some of the rest of us.

Best regards.

Sincerely,

Ragsdale
V. H. RAGSDALE,
Captain, U.S.N.

Captain R. W. Bates, U.S.N.
Naval War College
Newport, Rhode Island

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United Air Lines



GENERAL OFFICES
UNITED AIR LINES BUILDING
MUNICIPAL AIRPORT
CLEARING STATION
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

December 31, 1942

Captain R. W. Babis
12 Mount Vernon Street
Newport, Rhode Island

Dear Captain Babis:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for completing the suggestion folder handed to you during your recent flight with United Air Lines. The answers, comments, criticisms and suggestions that we receive from our passengers provide the most faithful guide to our efforts to serve you satisfactorily.

Your interest is helpful. I hope that we can continue to merit your confidence and favorable consideration.

Very truly yours,

D. F. Magarrell
Director of Passenger Service

DFM:bw

THE BUSINESS ROUTE OF THE NATION

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Section Base,
Newport, R.I.
December 31, 1942.

My dear Captain:

On December 8, 1942, I was officially notified by Captain Lowman that my appointment to the rank of Warrant Electrician was authorized, to take effect as of November 1, 1942.

That certainly was good news to me and I am very happy to have been appointed. I remained on board the U.S.S. BATELEUR until December 15, 1942 and since that date I have been assigned temporary duty on the Section Base as assistant to the Engineering Officer, Mr. R.N.Hyde, Lt. Comdr. USNR.

About two weeks ago I called at the War College to thank you in person for all that you have done for me, Captain, but at the time I was informed that you had left your office on leave. I do hope you enjoyed your time off, Sir, at least the weather is more agreeable on the West Coast.

My work on the Section Base covers quite a field in engineering and I enjoy it very much. On a form that was forwarded to the Bureau, I requested duty on board a supply ship, transport or repair ship. That, I believe, would be my choice for duty.

I know this appointment would have never been brought to the selection board's attention if you had not taken the matter up personally. May I thank you again, Captain, for your kind interest and effort that you have given me.

Fitzgerald is being recommended for Chief gunner, I hope he will be appointed soon.

Trusting that you are well, Sir, and wishing you a Very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Henry W Lempke.

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